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6 January 1971

Mr. Marshall P. Madison  
225 Bush Street  
San Francisco, California 94104

Dear Marshall:

In accordance with your instructions of last spring, I am enclosing herewith a list of specific projects which have been approved for the Naval War College Foundation support by the Board of Trustees. I am also enclosing a copy of our Brochure which you may have already received in your invitation to be a Founder Member.

I certainly hope that you will accept our Founder Membership. We wish to have some Founder Members from the San Francisco area and for the present we have selected you and John Sutro--you, being a former Marine and he, until recently, head of the Navy League there.

My reason for sending you the brochure and the list of specific projects as mentioned above, is because you stated to me that with this information you would be enabled to recommend the Naval War College Foundation, Inc., to those people for whom you were making wills and who asked advice thereon.

Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES  
Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)  
Vice President

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7 January 1971

Mr. John A. Sutro  
225 Bush Street  
San Francisco, California 94104

Dear Mr. Sutro:

In accordance with your wishes I am sending you, herewith, some of the literature of the Naval War College Foundation, Inc. of which I spoke to you and Marshall last Spring, and which you requested that I send you.

You will receive, presently, an invitation from the Naval War College Foundation, Inc. to be a Founder Member. We have no Founder Members as yet from San Francisco and the Trustees have selected you and Marshall to be our first Founder Members from that area. We certainly hope that you will accept our invitation.

My reason for sending you the brochure and the list of specific projects as mentioned above, is because you stated to me that with this information you would be enabled to recommend the Naval War College Foundation, Inc., to those people for whom you were making wills and who asked advice thereon.

I expect to be in California shortly and will be there for some time. I would appreciate the chance of visiting you again and perhaps obtaining your thoughts on our future activities.

Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES  
Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)  
Vice President

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JOHN MONSARRAT  
OWENOKÉ  
WESTPORT, CONN.

10 January, 1971

The Honorable John Nicholas Brown  
President  
Naval War College Foundation  
U.S. Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island, 02840

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter of 21 December,  
and for answering the questions which I had asked in  
my earlier letter.

In response to your invitation to become  
a founder member of the Foundation, I am enclosing  
herewith my check for \$1,000, and am pleased to be  
able to help the worthy cause of the War College.

I appreciate your query as to my interest  
in becoming a regional officer for the Connecticut-  
New York area. In all probability I would be very  
glad to accept such an assignment, and would ask only  
that we have a chance to discuss it more specifically  
ahead of time. I could come to Newport almost any time  
between now and January 30th for this purpose. On that  
date I leave for Europe, and will not again be avail-  
able until my return the second week in March.

Sincerely yours,

*John Monsarrat*

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**NAVAL WAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.**

U. S. Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

4 February 1971

Dear Admiral Bates,

It was so pleasant to speak with you  
on Thursday.

Enclosed is the first half of the mailing list  
which you have. I'm sorry it has such a "used"  
appearance, but they all have a lot of mileage now.

This note paper was cut improperly. The printer  
is doing it over. I will just use it up "within"  
the Foundation "family."

Sincerely and w. resp'y,  
*Lew Michael*

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GEORGE M. LOWRY  
BOX 4397  
CARMEL, CALIFORNIA 93921

7 February 1971

Dear Richard,

I thank you very much for your cordial and interesting letter and your kind remarks to your 182 year old friend. I have given considerable thought to the House War College Foundation - but I do not believe I can obligate myself at the present time even over a three year period. I have a number of charities and I am a

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trustee of the Carver  
Foundation which operates  
three retirement homes  
with plans for constructing  
a fourth. Also I am studying  
a graduate through college.  
I do not like to turn down  
my old friend but that  
is the way it must be.  
Also, as you know, Carra  
is an "expensive wife" to  
maintain.

She sends her best  
wishes to you.

Good luck and take  
care of yourself

—George—

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*Acceptance*

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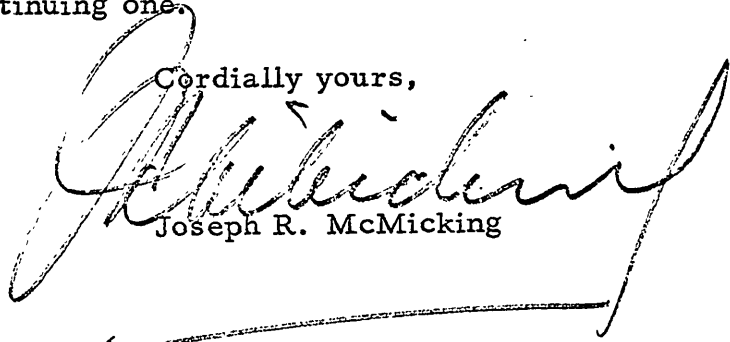
February 11, 1971

Mr. John Nicholas Brown, President  
Naval War College Foundation, Inc.  
U. S. Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Dear Mr. Brown:

I enclose my check for \$1,000 as a  
founder member of the Foundation. Although  
it is understood, I wish to make of record  
that this remittance is a one-time contribution  
and not a continuing one.

Cordially yours,

  
Joseph R. McMicking

Enclosure

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March 11, 1971  
Bohemian Club  
624 Taylor St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

When I was in Hawaii recently I discovered that a friend of mine, Mr. Earl M. Thacker, who has long been included in your Who's Who in the West, has not as yet, been advanced to your Who's Who in America. Why this is so I do not know. However, I can say that there has been a recent change in his biography which might well raise him merit-wise on your qualification list. He has been awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities by John Brown University in Arkansas.

He is such a well and favorably known figure in Hawaii that it seems surprising that he has not reached the peak accorded by your famous volume.

I want you to know that I originated this letter, not Mr. Thacker. I was going on a visit to Hawaii and looked him up in my Who's Who in America to gain the latest information on him. He was not there.

So, since I had recently been requested by you to recommend someone for your new and greatly enlarged volume, I decided, then and there, to recommend the above mentioned Mr. Earl Thacker and asked him if he had any biographical data on himself. The enclosures are the result.

With hopes that you will include him in your next issue of Who's Who, I am

Yours sincerely,

Richard W. Bates  
Rear Admiral, USN (ret)  
(Long time entry in Who's Who  
in America.)

Marquis, Who's Who Inc.  
200 East Ohio St.  
Chicago, Ill. 60611

P.S. You might be interested in Mr. Thacker's son, Mr. Herbert Dickey Thacker as well. His biography is included after his father in the 1966 Biographical Reference herein enclosed. RWB

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San Francisco Cal  
Bohemian Club  
15 March 1971

Dear Peter -

When I visited Adm Mc Carr he was as usual, very friendly but he seemed ~~more~~ to be thinking more about a long telephone call he had just received ~~that~~ about the War College. He protested somewhat that seapower, as such was scarcely mentioned any more and, if I recall him correctly, he made a crack at the Naval Academy and almost one at the War College when he inferred that they were too collegiate. He said that the CNOs scarcely mention seapower today - and mentioned one who had (I think it was George Anderson) to which I added Mack Caskey.

He said, further, that he was not going to talk on seapower at Newport. Surhead, he was going to talk on something else. I replied that, in view of his experience in the Pacific, he should talk on what he thinks will do the most good. He then said that he hoped that I would be present at his lecture. I replied that I would like to hear him but most likely would not be back.

My best as always

Rafe

San Francisco, Calif.  
Bohemian Club  
624 Taylor Street  
March 15, 1971

Dear George:

I've returned from Hawaii a few days ago where I spent a delightful ten days and where I spent some time about the Foundation's Business. Honolulu covers so much ground that it takes considerable time to go anywhere. This is especially so as regards appointments for each person visitor has his own engagements and the visitor fits into them.

While I was in Hawaii, I had meetings with some top executives, which were quite friendly, but, one former executive, Mr. Frank Hecht, did not wish to see me at all! (I think that I sent you his letter wherein he said that he was going to stop joining these things). The general reaction from active executives to my query as to whether or not they would be interested in becoming Founder members was negative. Castle & Cook's Mr. Malcolm McNaughton's letter indicates their general attitude - not mentioned either by letter or in conversation is the danger of losing their jobs. In this connection, Mr. McNaughton referred to his brother Mr. Boyd McNaughton, who is no longer President of C. Brewer & Company, and said the public thinks that Boyd was fired, where he was not.

At is of interest that Mr. Henry Walker felt the same as Mr. McNaughton.

My more favorable meetings were held with:

A. Mr. O. J. Caron from Rochelle, Illinois. He is in the textile business with branches overseas, is 85 years old and not too well, and wishes to join the foundation.

B. Mr. Earl Thacker is a very prominent citizen of Hawaii who is often known as Mr. Hawaii. He has many friends, has made millions in real estate and wishes to join. He is, I think in Who's Who in the West.

C. Mr. Herman von Holt has indicated a desire to join but wants some more information. He is a top notch citizen. Is in Who's Who.

D. Mr. William Mullahey, a top executive of Pan American Airways in the Pacific. He said "let me think about it." I am going to write him.

Finally, as regards civilians, I had a long talk with Mr. John Walker, Vice President of the Executive Committee of Dillingham Corporation. I suggested that he become a Founder Member and his reply was "Perhaps I will - let me think about it." "Maybe Lowell Dillingham should have it instead of me." I am going to write him on this. But, more important than this, he is quite interested in the idea of having a Dillingham Chair of Oriental Affairs and said that, although they could not

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San Francisco, Calif.  
Bohemian Club  
15 March 1971

Dear Dick,

When I visited Admiral McCain he was as usual, very friendly but he seemed to be thinking more about a long telephone call he had just received than about the War College. He protested somewhat that sea power, as such, was scarcely mentioned anymore. If I recall him correctly, he made a crack at the Naval Academy and almost one at the War College, wherein he inferred that they were too collegiate. He said that the CNOs rarely mentioned sea power today - and mentioned one had ( I think it was George Anderson) to which I added Mick Carney.

He said further, that he was not going to talk on Sea Power at Newport. Instead, he was going to talk on something else. I replied that, in view of his experience in the Pacific, he should talk on what he thinks will do the most good. He then said that he hoped that I would be present at his lecture. I replied that I would like to hear him but most likely would not be back in Newport.

My best as always,

  
R. W. Bates

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Bohemian Club  
624 Taylor Street  
San Francisco, Calif. 94102

March 18, 1971

Dear Herman:

Well, here I am back in the Bohemian Club for a couple of days, so I thought that I would drop you a letter.

First, I wish to repeat what I said to you directly, and to you by letter, that I was delighted to see you and Betty again and observe how wonderfully well you appear. Why, when we were breaking up after your most pleasant dinner at the Pacific Club, I looked at you standing there with your wide brimmed hat on and you "towered" like a giant redwood. How big are you anyway? And your Betty looked her usual lovely self. Next year, when I make what might be called my annual visit to Hawaii, I hope to see more of you both. You are among my oldest Kamaaina friends; think of it dating back to September 1915, and the armored cruiser Maryland, which was in Hawaii for some time, because of the sinking of the submarine F-4. I had just graduated from Annapolis, so the Maryland was my first permanent duty. I met many of the old families there and made many friends of which former Governor George Carter was one, I mention him especially, because he wanted me to quit the Navy and live in Hawaii.

Second, I am enclosing in the envelope a little information about the Naval War College Foundation. Which I hope will be the final "clincher" in having your join the Foundation. You will note that - -

- (a) Those who have joined so far are fine people, some of whom you may know. The name Van Holt will fit in this list admirably.
- (b) A copy of our brochure; this gives our general plan.
- (c) War College projects - this is a list which we are going to work on presently. But now we are interested in getting our Founder Members squared away first.

Third, did Eva Summers give you our latest copy of the Naval War College Review? I asked her too, so that you can see (on the cover) the large expansion plans of the college which are already underway with Spruance Hall.

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And finally, I hope that you will authorize me to notify the Foundation that you wish to become a Founder Member. Then the Foundation President, Mr. John Nicholas Brown will send you the official invitation.

Aloha Nui Loa,

As ever, your old friend -

Dicky

R. W. Bates  
Vice President

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March 18, 1971

Bohemian Club  
624 Taylor Street  
San Francisco, Calif. 94102

Dear Earl:

I am enclosing several items relative to War College Foundation, in which I hope you will find interesting. Perhaps, when Bill Mullahey sees them, he will be convinced that he should be a Founder Member.

These enclosures are:

- a) A list of Founder Members. I hope that you will note there some friends.
- b) Our brochure which gives our general plan.
- c) A list of our Projects for the Naval War College, which gives the general plan.

Take care of yourself old friend - I enjoyed seeing you and the members of your Breakfast Club. I was very glad to see General Hunter Harris, as I had not heard from him in years. I was very sorry not to see General Rawlings - that was sad.

Aloha Nui Loa,

As ever,

R. W. Bates  
Vice President

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I am sure that an award such as this would prove beneficial in motivating the students to pursue excellence in their research, and in recognizing achievement.

Sincerely,

DICK COLBERT

RICHARD G. COLBERT  
Vice Admiral, U S. Navy  
President, Naval War College

Honorable John Nicholas Brown  
50 South Main Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

*Mrs. Hamilton says, "hello!"  
She perped this copy especially for you.*

*V.R. [signature]*

Written by: CAPT R.M. TUCKER, USN (314/RMT:klb) 16 Mar 71

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FORWARDED  
FROM SNW  
ON

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Bohemian Club  
624 Taylor Street  
San Francisco, Calif.  
March 22, 1971

Dear Dick:

When I returned from Hawaii a few days ago, I had hoped to see you at the Bohemian Club on Thursday but alas! I could not find you. I spoke to your penthouse partner about you and he said that he had not seen you either. So I am now writing to you with the hope that I will see you before I leave for the East in about three weeks.

Meanwhile I am sending you some information on the Naval War College Foundation Inc., which is what you and I talked about, about one month ago, in the Club. We also talked about yachting in Newport, which is of importance most of the time, but which, on every third year, becomes not only of great local importance but of international importance as well. This is because of the challenges for The America's Cup which, rumor hath it, will embrace about seven foreign yachts. So the entire summer and the early fall of 1973 will be taken up by the 12 meter class.

I am mentioning this because I think that a great yachtman such as yourself should have some connection in Newport even though it be the Naval War College Foundation. In this connection it is my understanding that the War College plans to invite some of the Founder Members to Global Strategy but not this year as all names have already been sent to Washington for clearance. Global Strategy embraces the better part of one week in discussions of strategy both in seminar and in general session. It is very popular.

The information I am forwarding follows:

- (a) A copy of our brochure, which gives the general setup of the Foundation and the basic plan.
- (b) A list of Naval War College Projects for consideration by the Foundation, and
- (c) A list of our Founder Members. (This list is not complete.) However, you can see from it that we have been highly selective. This was because we wished to have members whom we knew supported the Navy, and whom we believed would not be embarrassed by the donation which, by the way is not only tax exempt but can be paid over three years if desired.

By best to you.

Very sincerely,

R. W. Bates

Mr. Richard A. Hanan  
Penthouse, Mills Building  
220 Market Street  
San Francisco, Calif. 94102

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Bohemian Club  
624 Taylor Street  
San Francisco, Calif.  
March 22, 1971

Dear Jim and Priscilla:

It was a wonderful surprise to see you and Priscilla at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and to be your guest at dinner. You are a delightful and thoughtful couple and are magnificent friends to those who deserve your attention. More than this, you are looking extremely well, as is clearly shown in the photograph of the three of us which you sent me.

I am presently at Martha's in Sacramento. When I showed her the photo, she was pleased and impressed saying, "I always liked Priscilla in Alameda and I am happy that she and Jim have enjoyed great success in marriage and in life. They are a wonderful pair." And, of course, I echoed her sentiments.

Naturally, I am distressed Pig and Maryly are in such bad shape. It is too bad and makes me ill to think about it. Sometimes, the ways of the good Lord are difficult to understand.

I am enclosing with this letter the information on the Naval War College Foundation which you requested. This consists basically of:

- (a) A copy of our brochure which gives the general set up of the Foundation and our general plan.
- (b) A list of Naval War College Projects for consideration by the Foundation.
- (c) A list of our Founder Members. While this list is not complete, you can see from it that it should suit you admirably. It is highly selective, as we wished to have people whom we knew supported the Navy and whom we had reason to believe would not be embarrassed by the donation, which by the way, is tax exempt.

I hope that, as a result of all of this, you will authorize me to send your name to the foundation headquarters. Then the President of the Foundation will send you the official invitation.

Finally, I want to say that next time we meet in Honolulu I expect to have the honor of entertaining you rather than the reverse.

Always my best.

As ever  
Your old friend

R. W. Bates

Mrs. James Simonds  
1733 Dwight Street  
Redlands, Calif. 92373

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Bohemian Club  
624 Taylor Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

March 22, 1971

Dear Philip:

I returned from Honolulu the other day and had hoped to see you, but I could not find you there, so I am writing to you and will hope to see you before I return to Newport in about three weeks.

What I want to see you about basically is the Naval War College Foundation. If you will recall, I spoke to you about it one day in the Bohemian Club and you showed considerable interest. So now, I am sending to you, as enclosures, three papers relating to the Foundation, which give in general, the broad picture. These enclosures are:

- (a) A copy of our brochure, which gives the general set up of the Foundation and the basic plan.
- (b) A list of Naval War College Prospects for consideration by the Foundation, and
- (c) A list of our Founder Members. (This list is not complete.) You can see from it that we have been highly selective. We wished to have Members whom we knew supported the Navy and whom we believed would not be embarrassed by the donation, which by the way is tax exempt, and does not have to be paid right away but can be paid over three years if so desired.

Very sincerely,

R. W. Bates

Mr. Philip T. Farnsworth  
617 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco, Calif. 94111

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CARON

INTERNATIONAL

P.O. BOX 300, ROCHELLE, ILL. 61068

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March 26, 1971

Naval War College Foundation, Inc.  
U.S. Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Attention: Mr. John Nicholas Brown  
President

Gentlemen:

We have received your invitation to Mr. O. J. Caron  
to become a Founder Member of the Naval War College  
Foundation, Inc.

At the present time Mr. Caron is ill at home but as  
soon as he is back in the office, you will hear from  
him personally.

Very truly yours,

CARON INTERNATIONAL

*L. D. Purkis*

L. D. Purkis

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NAVAL WAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.  
U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE  
NEWPORT, R. I.  
02840

31 March 1971

RADM Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret.)  
Bohemian Club  
Post and Taylor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Admiral Bates:

Thank you so much for your recent letters; I have been passing them on to Admiral Colbert and Mr. Brown. (Mr. Brown is on a cruise right now, however.) I think everyone is agreed that no one could have worked more tirelessly than you have done for the Foundation's ultimate success.

We now have 41 Founder Members. I am enclosing the latest list of names and addresses. At the moment I am waiting for word from RADM Bergen and Mr. Mulcahy as to any investments we should make now. I am holding our money in savings accounts (at  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) as a result of the bank's discontinuance of the 5% Certificates of Deposit. Interest rates have dropped all over. I have had to open two savings accounts since banks will only insure them up to \$20,000.00. I am holding about \$20,000.00 in the checking account with Mr. Brown's concurrence pending our investment advice; we felt that it would be better than going through with opening another savings account and then having to close it shortly thereafter if we purchase any securities. I would like to see the matter resolved shortly, however, since the money in the checking account is highly unproductive.

The office for the Foundation is coming along nicely now. The new overhead is in and the bulkhead paneling is underway. It should not take too long to complete. Mrs. Hatch, the secretary whom we hired, is a most efficient and agreeable person; she helped me purchase a good, reconditioned IBM Selectric typewriter for our office on Friday last. We saved about \$120.00 by not buying a new one. The typewriter cost \$395.00 plus tax; the Board had authorized \$500.00 last October. Before he departed, Mr. Brown authorized me to proceed with the purchase. We want to be ready to go when the office space is finished.

I have not seen the new brochure which is being prepared by Mr. Sarro. I did not realize that it was so near completion. Thinking in terms of selling the brochure to raise money, I believe that we should bear in mind that the brochure sold by the Naval Academy Memorial Fund has been highly unsuccessful as a money raiser. If it were not for a very advantageous agreement with the Naval Institute, whereby the Institute bore the cost of printing,

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it would have been a financial disaster for the Memorial Fund. With 20,000 copies sold the Memorial Fund has as yet made nothing, since they must repay the Institute before realizing any profit. It sells very slowly because it is too high-priced. I have this from a JAGC friend who was until recently Executive Director of the Memorial Fund.

Mr. Ellis B. Gardner, Jr. of Litton Industries gave us his \$350.00 honorarium for speaking at the War College. Mr. Gardner was invited to be a Founder Member in the original mailing, but has not replied.

I have not heard anything from Judge Rolph, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Slocum or CAPT Miller. The invitations went out shortly after you sent me their names. You first mentioned Mr. Earl Thacker in your letter of 15 March, but you did not indicate that he should be invited at this time. Shall I send him an invitation now? I just recently received your nomination of Harold Hook; we will have to wait until Mr. Brown's return if he is to sign the invitation letter on that one. I am enclosing a copy of the letter I received from Mr. Caron's office.

You asked me to comment on your letters, if appropriate. I think we should now advise people that they may pay over a period of two years, vice three. The Board decided in January to permit installment payments up to three years from the date of incorporation (November 1969). Over a year has expired since that time; the final date would be November 1972.

We shall soon have to determine a date for the Annual Meeting. I think it would be desirable to have it somewhat congruent with GSD since several of our Founder Members will be attending. As members of the corporation now, Founder Members have a right to attend the Annual Meeting. If enough Founder Members attend GSD, perhaps the Foundation should have some sort of reception.

I am now getting up a presentation on the Foundation for the Board of Advisors on 1 May.

Admiral Colbert has had made a beautiful plaque for the Foundation with our seal in bronze, etc. and all Founder Members listed in order of acceptance. It will be on display for GSD.

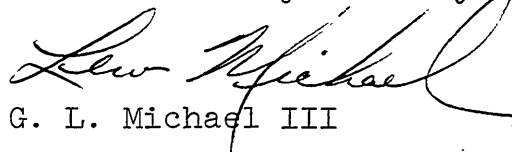
I am enclosing some newspaper clippings and copies of letters which might be of interest to you.

Incidentally, we are way ahead of the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation. They have \$26,000. We have almost \$60,000. I talked to their Executive Director the other day.

I shall be on leave 1 to 4 April when I go to Ft. Smith, Arkansas for my brother's wedding. We all look forward to your return here, but hope that you are continuing to enjoy your visit in California.

I am, as always,

Yours sincerely and very respectfully,

  
G. L. Michael III

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RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL TRUST NATIONAL BANK  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

CLARENCE H. GIFFORD, JR.  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

*Respect -  
Rec'd  
10 Jan 72*

January 7, 1972

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates USN (Ret.)  
Naval War College Foundation, Inc.  
U.S. Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Dear Batesy:

I have your very nice letter of December 22 regarding the Naval War College Foundation, Inc. I had an earlier letter from John Brown, and don't believe it got into my "jammed up" contribution schedule at the present time. I am definitely Navy oriented and won't rule out the possibility in the future, but for the present it is a bit down on the priority list. I won't forget your nice letter and work of the Foundation.

With every good wish for good health and good fortune in the coming year.

Most sincerely yours,

*Bud*

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**NAVAL WAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.**

U. S. Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

22 March 1972

Dear Admiral Bates:

I am sorry to be so long delayed in getting a letter off to you. However, I know that Valorie has been keeping you advised of Foundation activities on a frequent basis, and therefore much of what I would have to say on that score would be repetitious.

The notice of your appointment as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, which I sent to you yesterday, is, of course, a strictly formal one for our record purposes. I believe that the Committee will probably be able to function much as it did last year when all the business was conducted by telephone. As I mentioned in the notice, we must publish the "slate" to the membership with the notice of the Annual Meeting. I do want to get the notices out by 12 May, which is just one month before our Annual Meeting. Therefore, we will need some lead time to get the report of the Nominating Committee printed for mailing. I believe, too, that the Nominating Committee should give some consideration to the nomination of RADM Stansfield Turner, USN, our next President of the Naval War College, for election to the Board of Trustees. Would you want me to ask ADM Semmes to "sound out" ADM Turner on his willingness to serve? Possibly, however, this step should wait until you return to Newport.

Related to the Nominating Committee, you will recall that Admiral Semmes was elected for a three year term to expire in June 1974. Admiral Semmes has not indicated to me that he intends to resign from the Board after his departure from the Naval War College. He is, of course, not obligated to do so, but I believe that he will. His resignation, naturally, would open up another place on the Board.

We have received, as you know, the Seapower Symposium brochures. We are having the printer give us a cost estimate on envelopes in which to mail them. I believe that the envelopes will have to be specially made for this brochure; it fits in nothing that we have.

*Trustees*

C. F. Adams • Richard W. Bates • John J. Bergen • John Nicholas Brown • Richard G. Colbert • Robert Leeson  
George L. Michael III • John Monsarrat • John A. Mulcahy • Benedict J. Semmes, Jr. • Richard B. Sheffield

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I spoke to Mr. Brown about the list of names and addresses of all the corporate directors of the 500 leading corporations, which Admiral Colbert suggested should be circulated to our Board. Figuring on a conservative number of 20 directors per corporation, this would entail a list of 10,000 names and addresses. Naturally, even if we had the information on hand in our own office, this would be a mammoth project. It is even doubtful whether we could get 20 names and addresses on a page, if we set it up as a mailing list. This would mean a volume of 500 pages or more. Mr. Brown said, that in view of the immensity of the project, we just could not consider doing it. He does not feel that it is essential or necessarily helpful to have one individual singled out by our Trustees for approach on the basis of his corporate connections. It is my belief, and I think that Mr. Brown feels this way too, that our Trustees just do not have the time, if indeed the inclination, to go through a 500 page volume. If the Trustees are well acquainted with senior executives or directors of these major corporations, they should simply tell us who they are. Presumably they are aware of their own acquaintances, and I think that this is the most efficient way of getting the information if we are to have any "personalized" approach. Don't you agree??

Mr. Brown said, also, that we should postpone putting out a Newsletter until the Board of Trustees meeting in April. Possibly that could be done with some relation to our Annual Meeting. That is when most corporations do put out their annual reports anyway.

The Naval War College Foundation International Lecture Series is scheduled for May 15 through 18 with Admiral Jeschonnek of the Federal German Navy speaking. Founder Members are being invited to his public presentations. I am not sure whether Founder Members are to be included in the one reception which is being planned for him. This is something we will need to look into when you return.

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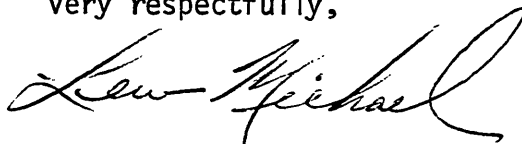
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We have the design for a new Foundation plaque which will hold 150 names. It will be on an easel like the present one, so it may be moved to prominent locations as necessary. I really don't think that putting such a thing on a wall somewhere is advantageous; people tend to walk right by such plaques without looking at them. I think that you will like this one; the name plates will be the same size as the present plaque, however.

You will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Raymond Spruance is Founder Member 121. Hobart C. Ramsey is 120. This time last year we only had about 45!

I am so sorry to hear that your brother has been ill. I do hope that he is on the road to recovery by now. Sally and I are still enjoying married life thoroughly! She joins me in sending our very best to you, and we look forward to seeing you here in Newport soon.

Sincerely and  
very respectfully,



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